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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED PRACTICES: PROFESSOR
FRANCESCO FORTE

REF: (A) STATE 146433; (B) EC BRUSSELS 776; (C) STATE 15486

1. TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSOR FRANCESCO FORTE IS NOT CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN TAX WORK DIRECTLY BUT HAS A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH PUBLIC FINANCE STEMMING FROM PROFESSORSHIPS OF ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC FINANCE SINCE 1951. HIS UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN ECONOMICS INCLUDES THE UNIVERSITY OF PAVIA, MILAN, URBINO AND TURIN, IN PUBLIC FINANCE AND POLITICAL ECONOMY. IN 1960-61 AND AGAIN IN 1967, FORTE WAS A VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. IN 1966 AND 1967 AT THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION AND IN 1969 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, FORTE WAS A RESEARCH PROFESSOR IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF A NUMBER OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC FINANCE INCLUDING "CONSUMPTION AND TAXATION" (IN ITALIAN).

2. IN ADDITION TO FORTE'S PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC FINANCE, HE IS WIDELY KNOWN AS A CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR TO PERIODICALS AND REVIEWS, AS A COLUMNIST, AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE-CONTROLLED HYDROCARBONS

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AUTHORITY ENI, AS A MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

OF THE MINISTRY OF BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLANNING, AND
AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS
GOVERNMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDIES INSTITUTDE ISCO.

3. FORTE IS A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN SOCIALISTS PARTY
(PSI), WHICH HE SERVES AS AN ECONOMIC ADVISOR EX-OFFICIO.
FORTE IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. HIS
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS ARE INDISPUTABLE AND HE HAS GREAT
OPERATIONAL SAVVY AS WELL.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF FORTE'S OPINIONS,
IF ANY, ON THE DISC LEGISLATION. VOLPE

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